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(President of the General Assembly)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.15 p.m.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

1. Mr. POWLES (New Zealand) nominated Mr. Hynes (Canada) for the office of Chairman.

2. Mr. MONTEIRO (Portugal) nominated Mr. Busacca (Italy) for the office of Chairman.

3. Since there were two nominations and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot one of the two candidates.

4. At the invitation of the Temporary Chairman, Ms. Akbar (Antigua and Barbuda), Mr. Zaqueu (Mozambique) and Mr. Ghimire (Nepal) acted as tellers.

5. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	171
Invalid ballots:	2
Number of valid ballots:	169
Abstentions:	7
Number of members voting:	162
Required majority:	82
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Busacca (Italy)	84
Mr. Hynes (Canada)	77
Mr. Powles*	1

3. Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Mr. Busacca (Italy) was elected Chairman of the Third Committee.

The meeting rose at 5.10 p.m.

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* Mr. Powles had not been nominated for office (Précis writer's note).